## FATED MASSACHUSETTS.

Large and Destructive Conflagration at Springfield.

APPALLING WORK OF AN INCENDIARY

Manufactories, Stores, Shops and Dwellings in Flames.

FAMILIES HOUSELESS AND HOMELESS.

Entire Business Portion of the City Threatened with Destruction.

SCENES AND INCIDENTS.

Thirty-five Buildings Burned, with the Loss of Over Hall a Million.

DETAILS OF LOSS AND INSURANCE.

Sparkariuro, Mass. May 30, 1875. Western Massachusetts is again afflicted and she truly appears to verify the adage that mistortune never comes singly. Holyoke is mourning over jumping from a two story window. the holocaust of Friday: Worcester has just been suffering from a very disastrous and destructive are: only a year ago this month the terrible floods in Williamsburg rendered hundreds nomeless, and now Springfield is called upon to mourn the work of the "Fire Fiend" who held supreme control here all sunday afternoon and destroyed a large number of valuable blocks in the heart of the city, licke 4 up many tenements whose occupants have not to-night a place wherein to lay their heads, except such quarters as are furnished them by kindhearted neighbors and the city officials, who are now doing all in their power to alleviate the sufferings of the houseless and homeless ones, many of whom have lost all they possessed in the world, and are now wandering through the streets where their houses were located bemoaning their

THE SCENE ON THE STREETS is one which beggars description. They are crowded not only with Springfield people, but with those from other places, who came in on special trains from all parts of the State and from Connecticut. As usual, there are those on the streets who are looking for chances to steal the goods taken from houses bordering on the burned district and which are piled in adjoining lots and yards. The police and a large number of deputy sheriffs and members of the city military companies are guarding carefully all the streets and avenues and doing everything possible to prevent the fiends from pursuing their avocation. The firemen of this city and from Hartford, Holyoke, Unicopee Falls and Westfield, who are here, have been working faithfully and are doing a truly poble work in fighting the flames. The Chief Engineer of the Springfield Department, Mr. Leshure, has handled his men excellently throughout, and is deserving of much credit for his management in preventing the spreading of the flames, which at one time threatened to destroy the whole of the business portion of the city. That it is saved is a miracle and a fortunate dis-

pensation of Providence, for which to-night the entire city is thanking a merciful God. THE FIRE.

Soon after two o'clock this afternoon a fire broke out in H. M. Conkey's planing mill, in the old Wason Building, on Taylor street, where it is and several men were at work. The names spread with lightning-like rapidity, and the first warning the people in the vicinity had of the conflagration was the pouring out of the flames from every portion of the building. The wind was blowing a gale from the northeast, and for five minutes the fire swept like a tornado to the southwest, devouring everything before it. The fire thus obtained total headway before the alarm was struck, the people in the vicinity being too intent apon saving their property to pay any attention to any other duty. Every one rushed, terror stricken, from the scene, with no thought but for their own salvation. Women with children in their arms barely saved their lives by

THE PIRE ROLLED ON

like a great flood, and by the time the Fire Department had arrived-and they were very prompta dozen buildings were burning. When the fire reached Worthington street, Stearns Park offering no material for it to feed upon, it seemed as though, after burning the homes at the south corner of Worthington street and west of the Park. the progress of the fire might soon be stopped. The Waterspout steamer was called from the Armory and an alarm sounded and There were quickly brought together several aundred men, who went to work to save property. Chief Engineer Leshure was mounted and seemed to be everywhere present at once. By order of the Mayor Lieutenant Colonel Gilmore ordered out the City and Peabody Guard, the former company responding with astonishing alacrity. Telegrams sent to various cities, and towns for steamers and bose brought assistance. Hosyoke and Chicopee Falls sent speedy as sistance. Telegraphic communication with Hartford was interrupted, and Engineer Babcock carried the news to Hartford by special engine. Superintendent Davidson at once fitted out a special train, which brought up ing the run of twenty-six miles in twenty-eight minutes. Several

INSURANCE MEN AND REPORTERS came up on this train, and representatives of some of the New York papers were early on hand. from the city is the other track could be used. The following is a list of

THE PROPERTY DESTROYED ON TAYLOR STREET. Conker's planing mill. Viner & Leonard's furniture shop.

Hood's carriage shop. L. L. Filts' stair building shop. Burnham's picture frame manufactory, with one

Rogers & Piper, household builders and pattern

Stebbins' brass foundry. Wilkinson's block and carpenter shop, owned by

Joyce Burnham, all on Taylor street. ON WORTHINGTON STREET.

Abbe's lumber and coal yard, office and tene-Three tenement houses on the same side of the

street. Next to these are the offices of the Sunday Telegram and New England Homestead, published by Mr. Henry M. Burt.

Mr. Burt also owned the building, which was burned. His loss is about \$15,000 above insurance. Scarcely any of the material was saved in the printing office. Mr. Burt was out of town at the time and returned at a late hour to find the accumulation of thirty years' work swept away.

Also two houses on the south side of the street. The insurance on E. B. Appe's two dwelling houses on Worthington street, which were burned, was \$2,500. The lumber yard and buildings were not insured. Mr. Abbe's safe was got out of the ruins and his books were saved, but in a decidedly damaged condition.

The fire extended from Hurlburt's block to the second story of Bill's block, but was quickly ex-

LOSSES AND INSURANCE. The principal damage in Bill's block was by water.

Chapin, Woster & Co.'s loss in the block will be about \$4,000.

On Main street, corner of Bridge street, the two story granite front block of C. S. & J. L. Huriburt was burned. Loss on the block \$50,000; in-

Dr. C. S. Hurlburt escaped from the building by McKnight, Norton & Hawley lost \$120,000; in-

sured for \$70,000. They have leased the vacant store in the Union office block. Livermore, Swan & Co. lost \$45,000; insured for

H. C. Gilbert lost heavily. He has leased the

wacant store on Manden's block. Water street, from Court street to Bridge, is lined with piles of household goods, strewn in almost inextricable confusion.

ON BRIDGE STREET.

Curtis' block, on Bridge street, in the rear of Huriburt's block, was saved almost by a miracle, the wind spifting the flames away from it. The occupants of this block lost heavily in furniture by the indiscriminate efforts of volunteers. On Vernon street W. D. Kinsman, No. 60, loses

\$5,000. Bethel church (Second Advent) loses \$8,000; in-

Moses Goldthwaite, loss on house, \$15,000; insurance, \$2,000. A part of his furniture was

saved : furniture not insured. W. L. Shepard, No. 68 Vernon street, loss

\$10,000: insurance, \$5,000. Nothing saved but Estate of Joseph Shaw, Nos. 70 to 78 Vernon street, loss \$40,000; insured for \$30,000 in Captain

Warriner's Agency. These tenements were occupied by J. R. Childs. Leonard Bond, boarding bouse; J. H. Cook, and

Mrs. Brewer, boarding house. E. H. Phelps' house was saved by a mighty effort, and that saved the rest of Vernon street.

SOUTHERN LIMIT OF THE FIRE. The extreme southern limit of the fire was at Flagg's barn, on the Southern Ratiroad, opposite Trask's brick block, by the river bank. There at this hour is variously estimated at from were several borses and carriages in the barn,

A small house occupied by S. F. Bennett, close by this barn, was also nearly destroyed.

which were saved.

H. L. Relden's house, No. 102 Water street, was burned: loss about \$3,000. One of the Western Union telegraph wires was

building. E linlete house, No. 100 Court street, caught

by the use of pails and wet carpets.

A. J. Pease's barn on Court street was saved time on fire, as also Burnham's carpenter shop,

BATTLING THE PLAMES.

Westfield steamer No. 1 assisted in holding the corner of Pyncheon and Water streets, which pied but a moment, and before the alarm was Childs; Mrs. Bond, who has two tenements used was the limit of the fire in that direction. Springfield No. 5, from Indian Orchard, came in

THE LOSSES AND INSURANCE. The losses are estimated all the way from five

course impossible to give a full list of the insurance at this time, but the property was generally The Springfield Fire and Marine had policies

amounting to about \$20,000, but part of these were re-insured, so that they will lose only about

The companies represented by Holmes & Gilmore figure up \$80,000 in policies.

W. A. Fuller has \$30,000.

Ladd Brothers have \$68,000.

Judd & Gray have about \$35,000. Among the burned buildings are nine residences

Two on Water street. Ten on Wight avenue.

Wight avenue is absolutely gutted, and one can stand on Water street and look through to Main street, the scene being like that in some parts of

Governor Trask's house on Water street, nearly opposite Wight avenue, was badly scorched. The scene on Court, Pyncheon, Vernon, Water,

Bridge and Worthington streets beggars description. Sidewalks, vacant lots and every available sugmes Nos. 3 and 5 and about fity firemen, mak. space are crowded with trunks, furniture and

Many thrilling incidents occurred, which, if related, would fill columns of the HEBALD.

THE FIRST WATER ON. Hose Company No. 1 claims the credit of getting The steamer from Chicopee was delayed in con- the first water on the fire at its start in Wason's sequence of repairs which were progressing on old paint shop, on Taylor street. They burst the down track, and it was necessary to ascertain | fitteen lengths o. linen hose to start with, but were of service through the fire and at its southern limits. Hook and Ladder Company No. 1 was at the corner of Water and Court streets, and steamer No. 2 was near by, on Pyncheon street, playing on to Vernon street.

Stephen Jobson, of No. 124 Worthington street, insurance of nearly \$50,000. sprung out of a window and was taken to the After these were burned the fire took in the fol-

man had a leg smashed at No. 141 Worthington street.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

SPRINGPIELD, Mass., May 30, 1875. Between the hours of three and six o'clock this afternoon the most disastrous configuration that has ever visited Springfield has found time for its terrible work. The dry condition of the buildings, conspiring with a brisk northeast gale, were the factors of destruction.

ORIGIN OF THE DISASTER.

The fire boke out in the nest of wooden buildings on Taylor street, and the sparks and brands, borne by the brisk gale, almost simuitaneously started two other fires-one on Wight avenue and the other in Unributle block on Main street. These two secondary fires soon equalled the first in magnitude and danger, and the work of fighting the flames was at once trobled, and, becoming too much for any one fire department, it became necessary to call on Springfield's sister cities and towns for assistance, and they responded nobly. COMING TO THE RESCUE.

Three steamers arrived in time to be of the greatest service. That the conflagration ended where it did instead of sweeping clear through was owing to the arrival of these engines together with the simultaneous abatement of wind.

THE DREADFUL CRISIS ABATED. By half-past five the crisis was over. The Union desires to express its appreciation of the heroic endeavors of the firemen which stayed the flames at a moment when the destruction of the Union office seemed imminent.

SUSPICION OF INCENDIARISM. The surprising rapidity with which the fire spread, and the almost simultaneous outburst of flames at three different points, niturally gave rise to suspicion of incendiarism, which, for a while, gained general credence. At the time of going to press, however, they remain unsubstantiated by reliable testimony, and it is to be hoped, for the sake of human nature, that they may prove without foundation.

THE MORAL OF THE FIRE is the old one of the peril of allowing wooden

STILL CALCULATING THE LOSSES. At this time it is impossible to make any reliable estimate as to the amount or details of the damage, but the opinions of those best qualified to judge range from \$500,000 to \$2,000,000. So far as we have been able to ascertain it seems probable that according to the usual foresight of Springfield business men the losses are well insured.

CONSOLATION. It is worth remembering, by way of consolation, that a considerable proportion of the burned buildings were wooden structures, whose removal the future safety of the city necessitated. The city is well rid of them and the new building ordinances will prevent the erection of others of the same sort in their places.

The personal feeling upon the street is one of the utmost thankrulness that the conflagration, which for three hours threatened to sweep the business portion of the city out of existence, was staved where it was

The loss is lamentably large, especially in these times of general business depression; but it is so much smaller than was threatened that the predominant feeling remains one of thankininess.

This is the heaviest blow Springfield has ever received, but she is bound to "come up smiling." THE TOTAL LOSS

\$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000, on which there is an insurance of about \$250,000, the Springfield Fire and Marine coming in for only \$20,000.

ORIGIN OF THE FIRE.

The fire originated at about half-past two o'clock, in a nest of wooden buildings which were formerly occupied by the Wason Car Manufacturtorn down at this point by the falling of the ing Company, whose works are now at the village of Brightwood, two miles from the city. It is thought that an incendiary did the job, as the fire on the roof at one time and was barely saved | fire started in a pile of shavings in the rear of the old paint shop of the company, which was occupied by H. M. Conkey & Co. as a planing mill, only by great exertions, and Milis' coal shed, near where there had been no fire since Saturday the corner of Court and Water streets, was at one morning. This was on the north side of Taylor street and a high wind which was prevailing, blowing in a southerly direction carried the dames

on the opposite side of the street. All this occusounded, calling out the firemen, the flames had made such headway that it was on a special train and worked at the same place. almost impossible to prevent their spreading. They got into the buildings in the square, bounded by Taylor, Dwight and small manufacturing firms, a large coal yard and several tenement houses, and for a few moments every one seemed to have gone crazy. The par- half a mile to an undertaker's. ties living in the tenements had barely time to escape with their lives, and their household furniture. Ac., had to be abandoned to the mercy of burned to the ground and are a total loss. The with their lives from what seemed to be almost inevitable destruction. In this square were located the following

MANUPACTURERS AND MERCHANTS.

H. M. Conkey & Co.'s planing mill. C. J. Leonard, furniture and spring beds.

F. J. Viner, cabinet maker, all on the north side. Wilkinson's Biock, on the south side, succumbed next, and on this side of the street the following were burned out :-

E. S:ebbins' manufacturing company, brass

The Union Car Spring Company. A. B. Burnham, picture frames. Merriam & Frost, leather dealers. A. F. Ball, harness maker. Joyce & Burnham, jurniture.

E. W. Shattuck, lumber dealer. Hookes & Taylor's carriage shop, which was sold out on Saturday to Foulds & Miller, who were to

take possession on Monday. J. T. Kane, silver plater. L. L. Fitts, stairmaker.

flati's paper box factory.

O. Perkins, carriage trimming. lease Gibbs, painter. Seymour, box factory, and some other parties

who used the old factories for storehouses. The Wason Car Company, which had a large owned all the buildings above mentioned, lost between \$60,000 and \$75,000, on which there was an

City Hospital with a tractured skull, and a tire- lowing outldings

A. B. Abbe's coal and wood yard and offices A large tenement building on the corner occupied by four tenants, and which was insured for

Another tenement, occupied by two families, and nouses belonging to Mr. James Miller, Mrs. Hitchcock, two to William S. Aims, and another

Then the flames struck the building of H. M. the New England Homestead, and occupied by

J. Webber, a fish and provision dealer.

J. A. Eldridge, furniture dealer. The loss on this block will not exceed \$8,000. The building is entirely gusted, but the walls re-

Burt's damage was mainly by water. This block was where the fire in this section was got under contro'.

The offices of the Springfield Daily Union and the Morgan Envelope and Paper Company, which adjoined it, being saved through the determined efforts of the firemen. But the wind had carried the burning brands across Main street to the area in the rear of Hurlturt's fine block, situated on the corner of Main and Bridge streets, and the firemen were startled to see this on fire just as they were getting the other under control. Hardly had the fire broken out nere before

ANOTHER FIRE

appeared on Dwight avenue, some distance to the southwest, in the midst of a number of tenement nouses occupied mostly by Irish and French families. Then help was asked for from other cities and soon extra trains were started, bringing engines from Holvoke (eight miles in eight minutes) and from Hartford (twenty-six miles in twenty-eight minutes). Engines also came from Chicopee, Chicopee Fails and Westfield in good time, and did splendid work in subduing the flames and preventing their spread.

LOSSES AND INSURANCE.

The Hurlburt block, on the corner of Main and Bridge streets, was one of the finest in the city, buildings and inflammable manufactories in the and the loss nere is \$70,000, on which there is an insurance of \$35,000.

> The building was owned by C. S. & J. S. Hurlburt, and was occupied by McKnight, Norton & Hawley, the largest dry goods house in the city, whose loss is \$100,000; insured for \$70,000.

Livermore Swan & Co. dealers in crockers and gas fixtures; loss about \$35,000. Dr. C. S. Hurlburt, dentist; loss \$1,000.

S. C. Warriner, insurance agent, who lost every-

John Colby, millinery. .

Miss Cherver, dressmaking. Mr. Miles, photographer,

D. E. Frisbe, book publisher, who loses \$4,000, and has \$2,500 insurance in the Springheld Fire and Marine Company.

After finishing its work here the fire destroyed the building in the rear, known as the Upson House, where some thirty people boarded, the only thing saved being a single Brussels carpet. and the loss being \$4,000 to the proprietor.

While these two were burning and the engines were at work trying to save adjacent property, the houses on Wight avenue, both sides of which were

TENEMENT HOUSES

and occupied mainly by French and Irish families, were destroyed, though the innabitants had sumcient warning to move their household goods, clothing. &c., and save them in a majority of cases. These small houses were about a half dozen in number, and were burned so cleanly that not a timber remained, out everything was reduced to ashes. From these houses the flames communicated to those on Vernen street, and destroyed the residences of Mr. W. D. Kinsman and Moses Goldthwalte; the former losing \$5,000 and the latter \$15,000, on which he had only \$2,000 insurance. The Second Advent Bethel hurch went next; with a loss to the society of \$81,000; this was insured for \$4,000 in the Ætna Company, of Hartford, and \$1,700 in

the North British and Mercantile Company. The next block, one of the finest tenements in the city, was burned, and here was where the fire was got under control finally, nothing but a barn being burned on Water street.

The block on Vernon street was owned by the estate of Joseph Shaw and was occupied by Mr. W. L. Shepard, clerk at the Massasott House; J. R. as a boarding house; J. H. Cook, and Mrs. Brewer, a boarding house keeper.

Just as the fire alarm was sounded, a boarder in her house, Mr. Millikin, died, and the friends were preparing the body for burial when they were inhundred thousand to two million dollars. It is of Worthington streets, which were filled with hormed that their block was on fire. The body, partially ready for the coffin, was taken from the building by friends and carried down Main street

> The offices of the Springfield Aqueduct Company, just in rear of Shaw's block were also the flames. Men, women and children rushed ter- loss on Shaw's block is \$40,000, on which there is ror-stricken from the blocks, thankful to escape \$30,000 insurance in the Queen's of London, the New Hampshire and the Watertown.

Dr. H. Hurlburt, one of the owners of Hurlburt's

Block, jumped from the second stery of his building in order to save his life, and fortunately was

Not so fortunate, however, was Stephen Jobson, who jumped from the third story in Abbe's tenement block, in Wortnington street, and had his

One of the firemen of steamer No. 4 was prostrated by the heat, and it is feared that he cannot

Another man, who was wandering around on

Wortnington street, was run over by a team and had both of his legs broken very badly. Mr. Thomas Kinsman, of the firm of Kinsman Brothers, who owned one of the nouses burned

on Vernon street, was so excited over the fire HOPELESSLY INSANE. Ris brother, W. D. Kinsman, was similarly

affected, but under skillful medical care promises speedy recovery and to regain his senses. AN ACT OF HEROISM.

A Hartford girl, a clerk in one of the mil-

linery stores, who roomed in a block in a tene. ment close to the fire, and which it was thought would be destroyed, while stock of black wainut stored in one building and others were moving their goods and thinging only of themselves, bethought her of a lady friend in the same block who lay sick abed, and almost insane With terror; she immediately rushed into the street, got a back and brought the sion lady down into it, driving hor to sais

returned to save, if possible, some of her own | panies goods, but found that a fortunate change in the wind had driven the flames in another direc-

By order of the Mayor the City Guard, Captain Hamilton, and the Peabody Guard, Cantain Gray, were ordered out and did patrol duty in keeping the crowds out of the streets where the fires and firemen were, and in preserving quiet. There Burt, publisher of the Sunday Telegram and were a number of disturbances between them and some of the citizens, but nothing serious further than three or four knock downs occurred.

> The total number of buildings destroyed is thirty-five, and the loss will approximate \$750,000, on which there is an insurance of about \$300,000.

> > THE LATEST.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., May 30-Midnight. The fire has been under control for several hours and the streets are now quiet. It is now known that the fire broke out in Viner's wood-turning shop, and is supposed to have been the work of an

THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD. Springfield is situated on the leit bank of the Connecticut River, in the midst of the beautiful and tertile territory of the Connecticut Valley. with broad streets, well paved, lighted with gas, and walks shaded by eim and other handsome trees, and having commerce brought to it by rail and river. It has for years been one of the most pleasant and flourishing inland cities in the United States. It is the capttal of Hampden county, Massachusetts, distant from New York 138 miles in a north-north-eastern direction, and ninety-eight miles west by south from Boston. A small stream, called Mill River, runs through the city, draining it and furnishing water power for numerous factories. The western portion of the city nearest the river is upon elevated plain, which stretches for miles. Its principal streets are parallel to the river and are proad, handsome thorough ares, which the cross streets intersect at a right angle. In what may be accepted as the centre of the city is a park, finely adorned with trees, shruppery and flowers. The buildings of Springfield are mainly constructed

THE PRINCIPAL STRUCTURES

are the city buildings which were but recently erected, the Court House of Hampden county, a massive structure of granite, in the Italian style of architecture, the Church of the Unity, one of the finest edifices in Massachusetts, the City Free Library, the Catholic Cathedral of St. Michael and the United States government's Armory and Ar senal. There are twenty enurches in the city of various denominations, seven banks of deposit having an aggregate capital of about \$3,000,000, and three savings banks. In 1872 the valuation of the city was \$30,000,000, and in that year the wholesale merchants of Springfield and a trade of \$20,000.000, the greater part of which sum was drawn from the valley towns to which Springfield is a source of supply. There are about 300 manufacturing companies in Springfield, whose employes number about 4,000 men and 1,000 women. The Smith & Wesson Revolver Works are located there and employ about 400 persons. The machine shops of the government works, in which the neavier labor of gunmaking is done, are sitnated on the banks of Mill River, about one mile southeast of the Arsenal and Armory. The latter institutions are situated on an elevation which is called Arsenal Hill, in a park of seventy-two acres. These buildings are in the spape of a quadrangle, and enclose a space of twenty acres laid out as a park, and called Union square. About 600 men are employed in the Armory. The Arseual is on the west of the quadrangle. In this are stored 175,000 stands of small arms, rivailing in their symmetrical arrangement similar collections in the

SPRINGFIELD WAS SETTLED in 1638 by a company under William Pynchon. The place was first called Agawam, that being the Indian name of the vicinity of the settlement. In 1639 it was called Springfield, aiter the birthplace of Magistrate Pynchon in England. Pynchon was revered until 1650, when he wrote an anti-Calvinistic work, which was burned on Boston Common, and for which he was deposed from his magistracy and forced to fice to England to avoid persecution. In 1675 the Indians formed a plan to massacre the people of springfield and utterly destroy the settlement. The plot was discovered by a friendly Indian, the people ensconced themselves dents and visitors to Sea Cliff this season will be in the garrison houses, but the savages greater than in any previous year. A large numburned lage. In January, 1787, during Shay's Rebellion, about 1,200 rebels attacked the Arsenal at Springfield for the purpose of procuring the arms were repulsed by the militia, however, and finally dispersed by a few cannon shots. Springfield was corporated as a town in 1646 and as a city in 1852. Until 1840 it comprised the present town-hip of Chicopee. In 1820 the town of Springfield had a population of 3,970; in 1830, 6,784; In 1840, 10,958; in 1850, 11,766; in 1860 the city was inhabited by

European entrepots.

The destructive fire which occurred yesterday was east of the central part of the city, but wholly in the river plain whereon the principal business places are situated as also the homes of the work-

ALMOST ANOTHER HOLYOKE DIS-

The congregation of the Roman Catholic Church of St. Leonard, of Port Manrice, on the Bushwick Meadows, Long Island, had a very narrow escape yesterday from the sad and shocking fate that recently overwhelmed the little band of French Catholics at Holyoke, Mass.

A solemn high mass was being celebrated, and

the rite of confirmation was also to be administered to a large number of young persons of both sexes. In order to give greater impressiveness to the services a full military band and a company of militia were present, as was also the Sodality attached to the Courch. The interior of the edifice was crowded to repletion, and the ceremonies were progressing in regular order, and the congregation were deeply impressed by the solemnity of the occasion, when suddenly, as the military were firing a few du foie outside the building, an alarm of fire was raised. The celebrant, Rev. Father Miller, in turning around toward the altar, accidentally knocked over a lighted candle, and the flame tostantaneously caught the light and indammable trimmings of the wooden framework, which, in another moment, was in a bright blaze. Before any panic could ensue among the people, Pather Raber, the pastor of the church, with marked and unwonted presence of mind ordered all of the windows and doors to be immediately closed, in order to prevent a draught. He then quietly turned to the biazing aitar, and with the assistance of Patner Milier and others speedily extinguished the fiames. Very little damage was done by the fire, but, had the pastor been less prompt in his movements and orders to his congregation, a more deplorable accident than that or Holyoke might have oc-

FIRE IN CINCINNATI.

CINCINNATI, MAY 20, 1975. A fire this morning destroyed the three story prick sash and door factory of the Greenlees and Ransom Company, corner of Baymiller and Poplar streets, and damaged more or less about a dozen adjacent dwellings. The total loss is estimated at

quarters two miles away. The brave girl \$75,000; insurance \$25,000, chiedy in home com-

FIRE IN PORTLAND, ME.

PORTLAND, May 30, 1875. The corn packing factory of J. W. Jones Prides Bridge, near this city, was destroyed by fire this morning, together with busking shops, an ice house, slaughter house and grocery store Loss, \$40,000; partially insured.

BURNED TO DEATH.

TORONTO, Ont., May 20, 1875. A fire this morning on Yonge street destroyed Hammond's hat store. Mr. and Mrs. Nash, living over the store, were burned to death.

A CONFLAGRATION THREATENED.

Yesterday afternoon some miscreant set fire to one of a large number of oil barrels lying in a yard adjoining the immense tobacco factory of the Mesers, Lordiard in Bay street, Jersey city. flames spread rapidly and created a huge volume of smoke. Assistance was promptly rendered, and the flames were confined to the barrels, which were all consumed. As the factory is the most extensive building in the cutre State, covering nearly a large clock, a fre in any part of the building would have threatened that whole section of the city.

FIRE ON STATEN ISLAND.

Early vesterday morning a fire broke out in the cellar of a two story frame house on the corner of Caber avenue and the Ricamond surnpike, Stapleton, owned by James Sullivan, and occupied by Beicher Holcebranat as a drinking and lager been saloon. The loss on the building, which was totally destroyed, is \$2,300; fully insured in the Ætna. Indeorandt's loss on stock is \$750; insured in the Hoffman Company for \$500. The fire communicated to the adjoining two story frame building, also owned by sinilivan, who occupied the first floor, while the second floor was occupied by John Dupon. Loss on that building, \$2,000; thuerstood to be insured in the Ætna. The destruction of both buildings was complete, though most of the turniture was saved in a damaged condition. Sullivan's furniture was insured for \$400, also in the Ætna, and Dupon's furniture in the Resolute. Hidebrandt is now under indictment for arson, charged will setting fire to another saloon of which he was proprietor two montes ago. ton, owned by James Sullivan, and occupied by oprietor two montes ago.

NEW YORK CITY.

The body of a male infant was found floating in the North River, near pier 52, vesterday morning, by the police of the Ninth precinct. An inquest on the body of Richard Brown, who

was run down off the Eattery by the steamer Sfra-cuse, has been postponed until next thursday. During an altercation yesterday afternoon between Charles Higgins, of No. 528 West Fotrytourth street, and Neil Denesy, of No. 200 East Fostv-fifth street, the former received a dangerous stab in the neck. Denesy was arrested.

Stewart Fisher, of No. 195 Mott street, reported at the Coroner's office vesterday morning that he had found his child, aged three months, dead in bod. He was of the opinion that the little one had been suffocated by its mother, who was grossis intoxicsted. An inquest will be held. At the annual meeting of the Philharmonic Soc

ciety the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:-E. H. Schermerhorn, Presidents A. Reiff, Jr., Vice President; D. Schaad, Secretary; Ph. Waither, Treasurer; Carl Bergmana, Conductor; A. Sonst, L. Meyer, Th. Jacoby, S. Johnson, F. Herwig, A. Bernstein, Directora, and E. Uhig, Librarian.

BROOKLYN.

At half-past two yesterday morning Cuspes Meyer and Francis Barnett broke into the candy stand of Adam Reitzer, on Johnson avenue, near the toligate, and atole \$10 worth of fruit and candles. They were both arrested by Officer Her-

Last week a committee of the renian Brotherhood secured Myrtie Avenue Park for a mass meeting to take place yesterday afternoon, and yesterday every arrangement was made. Flags were flying not only at the park but at some of the rendezvous of the order, but beyond a large crowd drawn by the announcement of whe meeting no prominent man of the Order put in an appearance.

LONG ISLAND.

Asparagus is now coming forward in large quantities from the north side of the island, and the special night train on the Long Island Rails road is found to be of great advantage to growers. Forty tons were shipped in one day from Locust Valley last week.

The Suffolk County Sunday School Teachers' Am sociation will hold its annual session at River head, commencing to-morrow and continuing three days. The queens county association with meet at funter's Point on Wednesday afternoon and evening, June 16. The indications are that the number of rests

Two petitions are in circulation at Huntington. addressed to the Commissioners of Excise. The male citizens are asking that the number of licensed places be limited to three, including the two hotels, and that the license fees be increased:

granted. Both petitions are being extensively The Siay Anniversary of the South Side Sunday School Union, which comprises the schools of Rockville Centre, Freeport, Woodsburg, East Rockaway, Fearsall's, &c., will be observed to-day, Mr. L. D. Simons is to be Grand Marshal, and it is expected that there will be about one thousand children in the procession, which will commence its march at three o'cl. ck. A. M., after appropriate exercises in the churches.

The Executive Committee on the division of Queens county, appointed at the meeting held on the 27th of April last, met at Mincola, on Saturthe Tith of April hast, met at Aincola, on Saturday. It was decided to appoint a canvasser in
each school district of the towns of Hempstead,
North Hempstead and Oyster Bay, whose duty it
shall be to visit each taxpayer and voter and
accrtain his views regarding the proposed division. Bank forms are to be furnished to these
canvassers for recording, and the returns are to
be handed in to the Executive Committee by the
20th of August, accompanied by the affidavits of
the canvassers in verification. Secommittee
aron a line of division commencing at the head of the canvassers in vertication. The committee avor a line of division commencing at the head of Little Neck Bay, in the town of Finshing, and running due south to the East Rockaway inlet, in the town of Hempstead, although this may be varied on more sull deliberation, and upon ascertaining the views and desires of the taxpayers and voters adjacent to the proposed line.

NEW JERSEY.

The funeral of ex-Postmaster Darias Wella, of Paterson, yesterday afternoon, was one of the The stables attached to Kiersted's Hotel, in Pass

saic, were destroyed by fire about two o'clock Jan terday morning. A borse was destroyed, to-gether with some grain and feed. The loss is about \$1,000.

THE PLYMOUTH ROCK. On last Saturday afternoon, on invitation of Messys, Jarrett & Palmer, a select company of gentlemen, to the number of 250, embarked on

through Hell Gare, the excursionists, after naving partaken of a good supper, repaired to the cabin, where the Manhattan quartet, under the direction of Commodore Tooker, farnished the evening's enter-ainment by singing some very fine solos and quartet medicys. About midnight a wind and rain storm arose, which concluded that it as now a few the arrival of the steamer off Block Island, which point was reached about six A. M. On arrivel those on board, bedded by Mesers. Palmer and Jarrett, at once board having. This sport was industred, at once board having was headed or New York. The rain, which somewhat one, end the sun shone forth, enlivening everything and everybody. The scean was quite chim, so that no one on board left a victum o mail defect, the board was permaps, even more enjurable than the outward passage. A spening maios where the Manbattan quartet, under the direction Sound, was, pernaps, even more enjoyable that the outward passage. A spening makes was arranged among the passengers by Mr. Paimer, in order to create a little and seemers and the musicians and vocalists were kept ousliftenames. After a voyage of twenty-fur hours operative, dunarred by subject accident, the excursionists arrived in this city at heliopast eight o'clock last evening. Messes, Jarrett & Paimer propose giving a daily Fibmouth flock excursions until the last of text September, oegiming toolar with an exon-ston to long thand, jeaving the foot of Murray street at non-past one o'clock. A fall brass and string band accompanies the steamer of each excursion.